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Jasmine Gabriel Shines as Top Teen Volunteer at Chelsea District Library

The Chelsea District Library (CDL) is proud to announce Beach Middle School eighth grade student, Jasmine Gabriel, has been named CDL's 2019 Youth Service Group (YSG) Volunteer of the Year. This award celebrates teens who demonstrate outstanding leadership and commitment while volunteering at the library. Jasmine will be recognized by her peers at this year's YSG orientation sessions and a custom-designed READ poster commemorating her award will be on display in the library lobby.

Jasmine has been volunteering at the library since the end of her sixth grade year in 2017. "Jasmine only volunteered for a couple of hours that first summer," said Youth Librarian Jessica Zubik, "but then she signed up again the following fall and we started to see her regularly." Edith Donnell, Head of YSG at the library, was thrilled when Jasmine began asking for more volunteer hours, which lead to her becoming one of the most reliable volunteers in the group. "Jasmine had the dependability and quick understanding that I usually expect from my high school junior and senior volunteers. When we ran out of youth and teen tasks for her to do after school last year, I reached out to the adult department to fill her time." This year, Jasmine has been helping twice a week, regularly spending two to three hours at the library doing everything from filing forms, preparing books for the Friends Used Book Sale to assisting with afternoon and evening programs.

Jasmine was overjoyed when she heard that she had received the award. "I can't tell you how much the library means to me," she told Patty Roberts, Head of Marketing, as she was getting her photo taken for her READ poster. "Chelsea District Library is basically my castle," said Jasmine "If it were legal, I would live in a library." When asked about her YSG volunteer experience, Jasmine exclaimed "What I love most about being a YSG volunteer is the feeling of community I get whenever I see a group of moms chatting while their kids play in KidSpot; or when I spy competition between siblings during the Summer Reading Program—trying to see who can get the most prize slips. Everything about the Chelsea District Library embodies community, knowledge, and fun; and is what made me decide to become a YSG volunteer. I hope other people notice this as well and decide that they too would like to become part of our welcoming library community." CDL is proud to present this award to Jasmine in appreciation of her hard work and dedication.

CDL is always looking for new YSG members who are entering seventh grade or above. If you are an interested student or parent and want to find out more about YSG volunteer opportunities at CDL, visit the library website at [chelseadistrictlibrary.org](http://chelseadistrictlibrary.org), and click on the *How Do I...Become*

a *Volunteer* tab. The library is currently taking applications for summer volunteer positions. Sign up today by filling out an application online and attending one of our YSG Orientation sessions on June 3, 5 or 10 at 3:30pm in the McKune room. YSG volunteers help set up and clean up library programs, assist with running the Summer Reading Program, and support the Youth & Teen Librarians. YSG volunteering is a great way to serve our community and meet new friends! Plus, as an added bonus, the group will finish the summer off with a fun party at Pierce Park!

About Us: Chelsea District Library is a not for profit organization whose mission is engage, inspire, and equip through evolving services and resources. The Library currently serves 15,010 residents in the Chelsea area including the City of Chelsea plus Dexter, Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan townships. More than 16,000 individuals visit the Library each month. For more information visit [chelseadistrictlibrary.org](http://chelseadistrictlibrary.org).

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